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[54] **METHOD OF MAKING X-RAY PHOTOGRAPHS OR EXPOSURES OR OTHER TYPE OF RADIATION SENSORING, SUCH AS ELECTRONIC IMAGE STORAGE, AND A PATIENT TABLE HAVING A RECEPTOR UNIT FOR SUCH PHOTOGRAPHY, EXPOSURE OR IMAGE STORAGE**

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method of X-ray photography or a method of some other type of radiation sensoring, such as electronic image storage, employs the use of a receptor unit (2) which can be swung outwards and upwards from an initial position in or beneath a patient support table (1) about alternative pivot centers (11, 12) disposed in the region of respective side edges of the table to alternative positions for operating with a horizontal beam path. The receptor unit can be swung out about a vertical axis from these positions in which it is parallel with the longitudinal direction of the table to a position in which it is parallel with the longitudinal direction of the table to a position in which the unit is perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the table, to enable pictures to be taken of a patient seated in a wheelchair, for instance. The invention also relates to a patient support table (1) provided with a receptor unit (2) of this kind.

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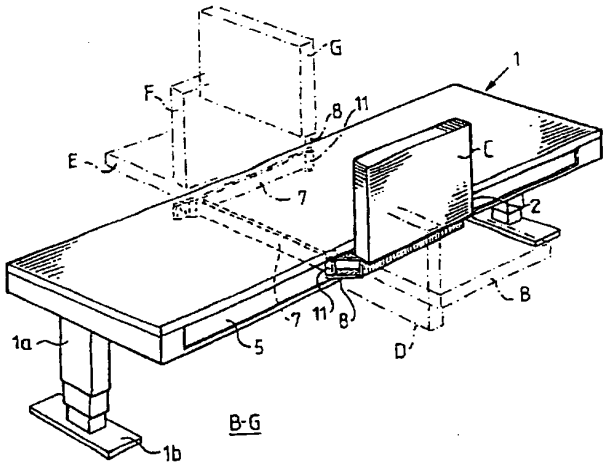

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